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ECON OFFICE MADE PRESENTATION REGARDING U.S. NOMINATION
OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FRANK WEIL FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF
OECD INDUSTRY COMMITTEE TO PAUL PUTZ, FOREIGN MINISTRY
OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR OECD MATTERS. MR. PUTZ WAS
RECEPTIVE TO U.S. CANDIDACY AND IMPRESSED BY WEIL'S QUALI-
FICATIONS. PUTZ COMMENTED THAT THE U.S. IS THE SOUL OF
THE OECD AND HAS IN FACT BEEN VERY DISCREET IN THE NUMBER
OF CHAIRMANSHIPS GIVEN ITS WEIGHT IN THE ORGANIZATION

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PUTZ WAS NOT ABLE, HOWEVER, TO PLEDGE GOL SUPPORT FOR
CANDIDACY BECAUSE OF THE EC ASPECT REPRESENTED BY A
GERMAN CANDIDATE AND COMMENTED THAT THE CHAIRMANSHIP
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WOULD FIRST HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED AMONG EC MEMBER
COUNTRIES. HE WAS AWARE THAT GERMANY ALREADY HAD
CHAIRMANSHIP OF TRADE AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEES AND IMPLIED
THAT THIS WAS A STRONG ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF U.S.
CANDIDACY. PUTZ POINTED OUT THT THERE IS AN
ALMOST STANDARD PROCEDURE OF WITHDRAWING RIVAL
CANDIDACIES SO THAT PRIOR TO A VOTE THERE IS ONLY

ONE CANDIDATE. HE DOES NOT REMEMBER A SINGLE CASE
OF COMPETITION BETWEEN CANDIDATES AND PRESUMES THIS
WILL BE TRUE IN THIS INSTANCE. PUTZ INTENDS TO
CHECK WITH EC COUNTERPARTS PRIOR TO APRIL 4-6
MEETING REGARDING EC VIEWS AND WILL ALSO FULLY BRIEF
GOL OFFICIAL WHO WILL ATTEND THE MEETING, MR. ERNEST
QUARING OF THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY. LOWENSTEIN

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